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TAGS: CASC (HUNTER, SMITH)

SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS: STEINER'S ROLE

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1. REQUEST DEPARTMENT PROVIDE NECESSARY ASSURANCE TO STANFORD OFFICIALS THAT STEINER HAS NO PRESENT INTENTION EITHER TO UNDERTAKE DIRECT CONTACT WITH KIDNAPPERS OR ANY OTHER INITIATIVE OF HIS OWN UNTIL GOZ AGREEMENT IS OBTAINED RE VAGNI SCENARIO OR ALL CONCERNED AGREE ON USE OF ALTERNATE SCENARIO. INDEED, UNTIL CAPTORS MAKE SOME MOVE, HIS PRESENT ROLE IS NECESSARILY A PASSIVE RATHER THAN ACTIVE ONE. THERE HAS AT NO POINT BEEN ANY SUGGESTION BY STEINER OR ANYONE ELSE THAT HE MIGHT TAKE INITIATIVE TO PERSONALLY CONTACT PRP IN ABSENCE OF AGREED INTERMEDIARY.

2. SHOULD PRP OR THEIR INTERMEDIARY REQUEST MEETING WITH STEINER IN RESPONSE TO OUR PRELIMINARY FEELERS OR VARIOUS BROADCASTS HE WILL OF COURSE RESPOND, BUT WILL LIMIT ANY INITIAL CONTACT

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TO ESTABLISHING BONA FIDES AND SCHEDULING SECOND MEETING, AT

WHICH TIME APPROVED INTERMEDIARY WILL BE PRESENT AND PRIOR TO WHICH WE WILL SEEK GUIDANCE FROM DEPARTMENT AND CONCERNED POSTS.

3. DEPTOFFS WERE THEREFORE PERFECTLY CORRECT IN CHARACTERIZING STEINER AS COOPERATING FULLY WITH REPS IN FIELD. WORKING RELATIONSHIP IS IN FACT EXCELLENT ONE CHARACTERIZED BY MUTUAL CONFIDENCE. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING, AND PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF SPECULATIVE AND INACCURATE ASPECTS OF SOME PRESS ACCOUNTS TO DATE, BELIEVE DEPARTMENT SHOULD UNDERLINE THIS POINT TO ROSENSWEIG AND OTHERS.
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